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THE HEDGEHOG

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HIGHWAY

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MAN-O-MAN...

IT'S BEEN
A LONG TIME
SINCE I RAN THESE
ROADS, BUT I KNOW
THEY WEREN'T THIS
BAD THE LAST TIME
I WAS HERE.

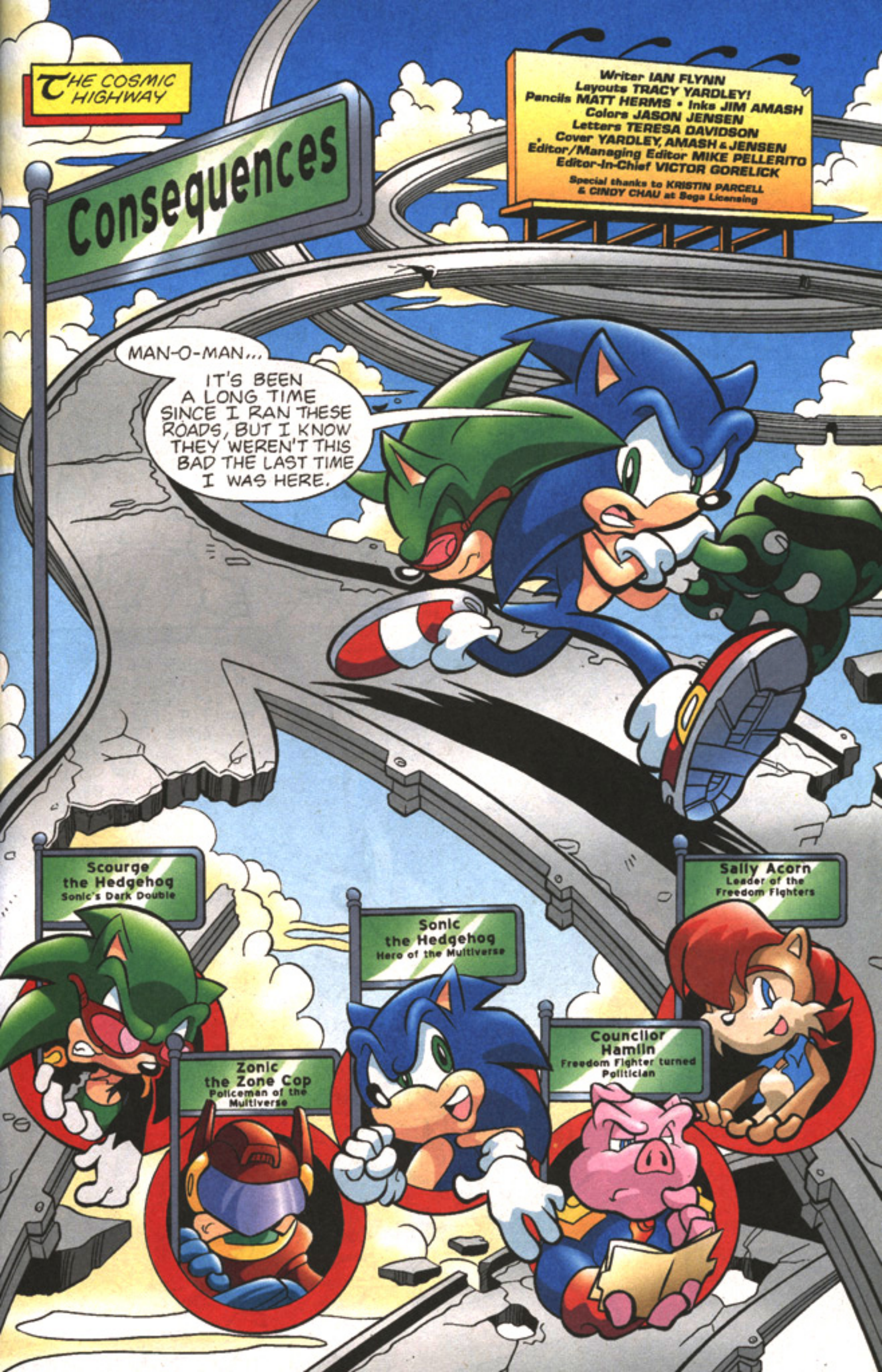
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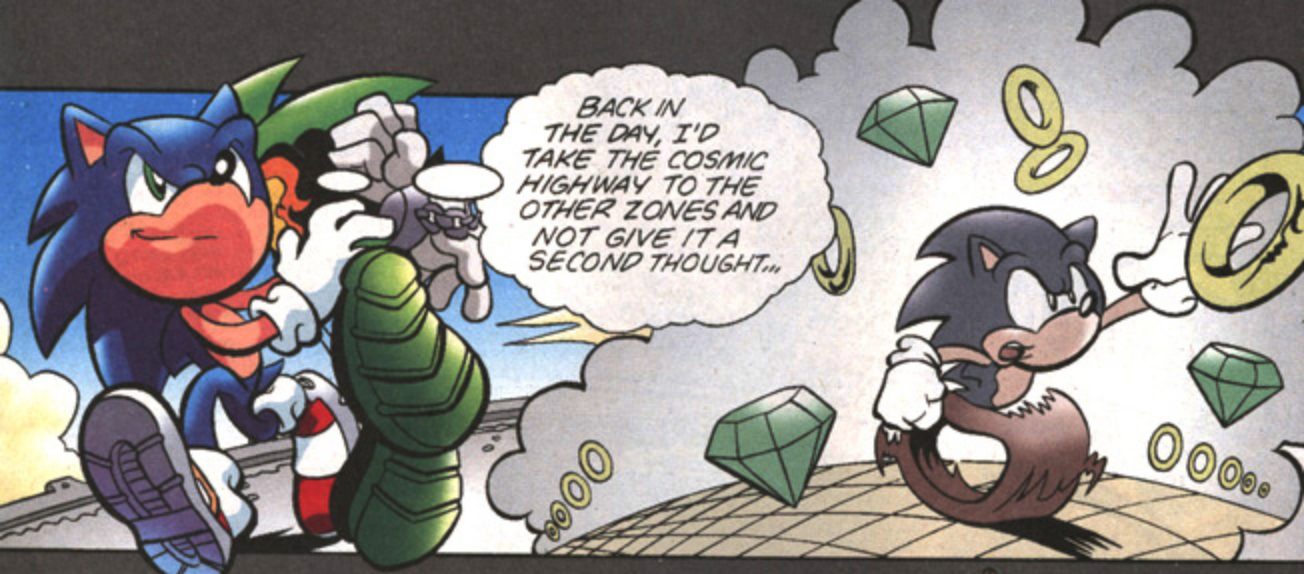
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Sally Acorn
Leader of the
Freedom Fighters

Zonic
the Zone Cop
Policeman of the
Multiverse

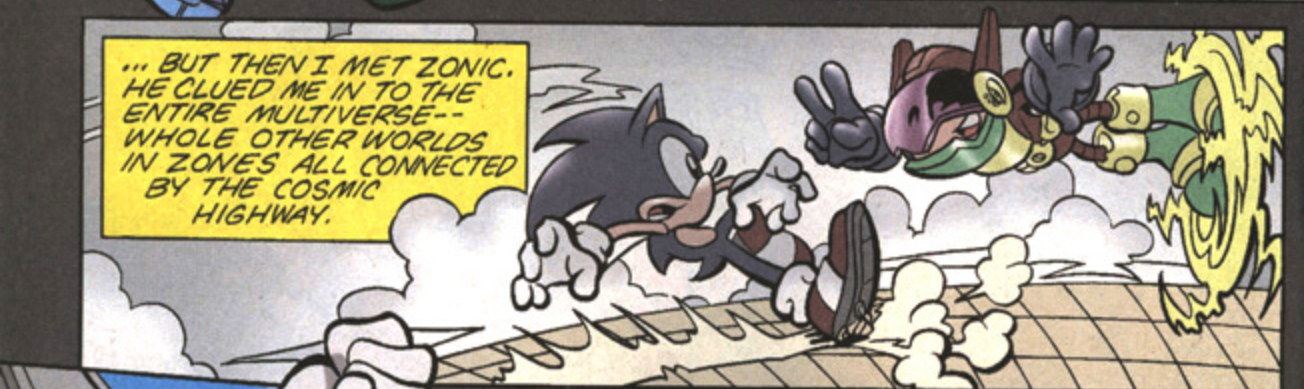
Councillor
Hamlin
Freedom Fighter turned
Politician





BACK IN THE DAY, I'D TAKE THE COSMIC HIGHWAY TO THE OTHER ZONES AND NOT GIVE IT A SECOND THOUGHT...

... BUT THEN I MET ZONIC. HE CLUED ME IN TO THE ENTIRE MULTIVERSE-- WHOLE OTHER WORLDS IN ZONES ALL CONNECTED BY THE COSMIC HIGHWAY.



HE TOLD ME I'M DESTINED TO PROTECT IT ALL, BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN A LONG TIME.

SO ONCE I DUMP YOU OFF, SLEEPING BEAUTY, I'M GRILLING HIM ON WHY HE ISN'T DOING HIS PART OF THE JOB.



OR YOU CAN GET BENT AND I'LL GET BACK TO TRASHING YOUR PLANET.

GAH!

I WAS HOPING YOU'D STILL BE DRAINED FROM YOUR DE-POWERING YESTERDAY.*

SO MUCH FOR THAT!

I MAY NOT BE AT MY BEST...

*SEE THE EPIC SUPER SCOURGE FIGHT LAST ISSUE!

...BUT I'M STILL ONE STEP AHEAD OF YOU. THANKS FOR THAT.

SMASH

OH, FOR THE LOVE OF...!

AS MUCH AS I'D ENJOY KICKING YOUR BUTT AGAIN, I'D BE HAPPY TO LET YOU CHILL OUT FOR A WHILE.

IN AN INTERDIMENSIONAL PRISON CELL? YEAH-- NO THANKS.

HALT! YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE MULTIVERSE LOCKDOWN ACT!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

PRIME ZONE-- NEW
MOBOTROPOLIS--
CASTLE ACORN

I WOULD
LIKE AN EXPLANATION
AS TO WHY IT FEELS
LIKE I'M UNDER
ARREST.



YOU'RE
NOT UNDER
ARREST! WE...WE
NOT PRESSED
CHARGES.

YET.

THAT IS
THE PURPOSE
OF THIS
HEARING.

WHAT--?!

I JUST
GOT BACK
FROM MOEBIUS.
HOW...

PRECISELY,
PRINCESS. THE
CHARGES UNDER
DISCUSSION ARE
SUBVERTING THE
COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY
AND GOING
ROGUE.

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I CREATED THE SPECIFICS OF SONIC'S "PUNISHMENT" AND SENT HIM ON HIS MISSION UNDER MY AUTHORITY AS FIELD LEADER!

NOT YOUR AUTHORITY AS PRINCESS?

NO.

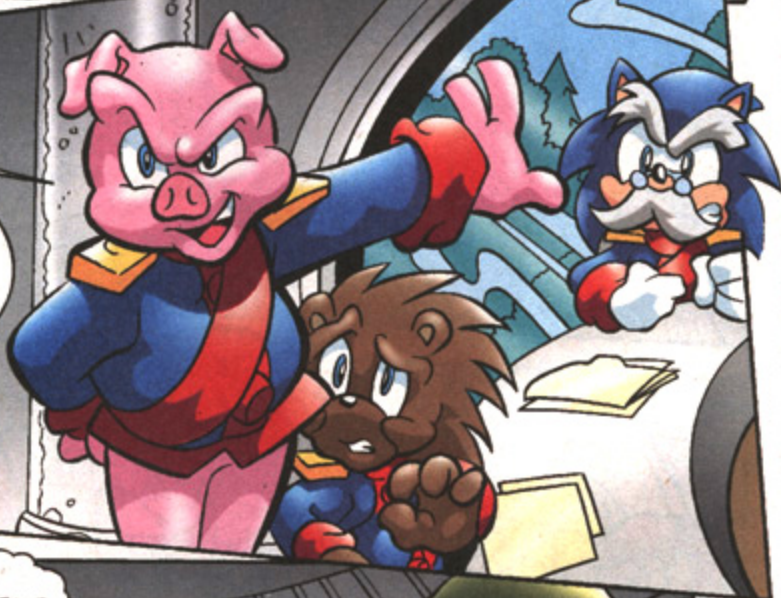
SO YOU ARE SAYING YOU HOLD NO POWER OUTSIDE OF BEING THE FIELD LEADER?

... I SUPPOSE SO, YES, SINCE ELIAS IS THE KING.

SO LET ME PUT THIS STRAIGHT---

YOU MADE YOUR DECISION AS FIELD LEADER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS... A GROUP THAT ANSWERS DIRECTLY TO THE COUNCIL OF ACORN.

SO YOU HAVE JUST ADMITTED TO US THAT YOU WENT AGAINST DIRECT ORDERS OF YOUR SUPERIORS!



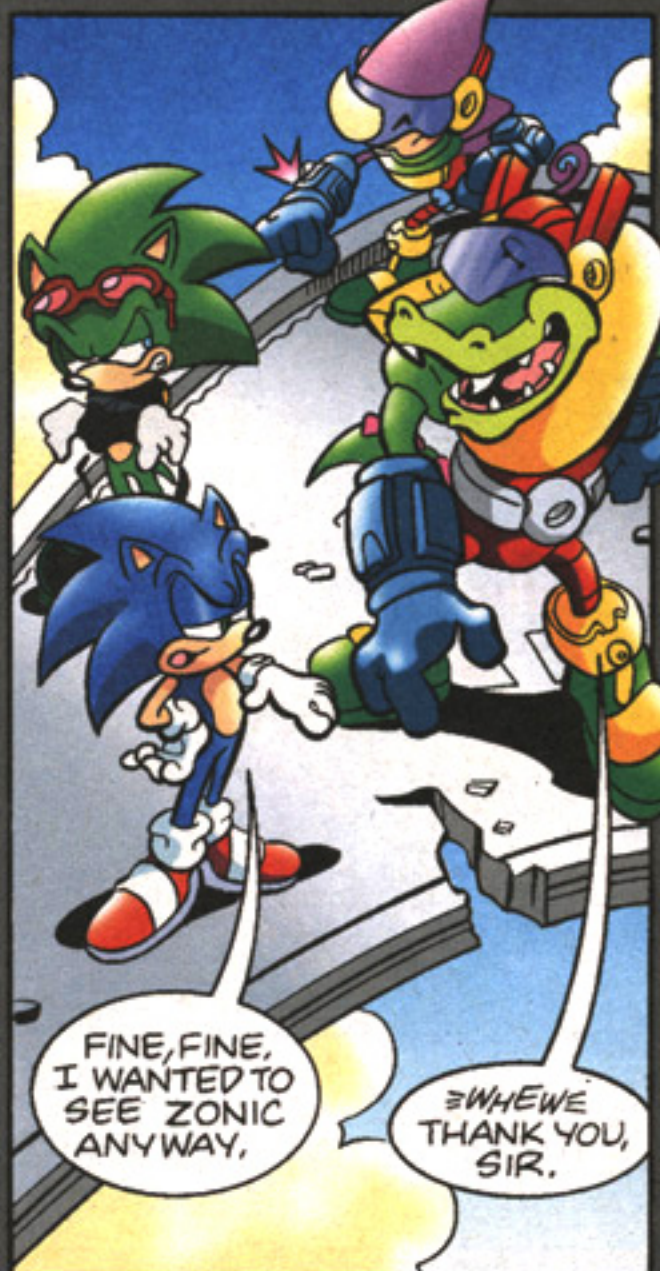
... CRUD.





HOLD ON, BUD!
I'M SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG!
FROM THE PRIME
ZONE!

WE CAN'T
MAKE EXCEPTIONS,
SIR. PLEASE
DON'T RESIST.



FINE, FINE,
I WANTED TO
SEE ZONIC
ANYWAY,

WHEWE
THANK YOU,
SIR.

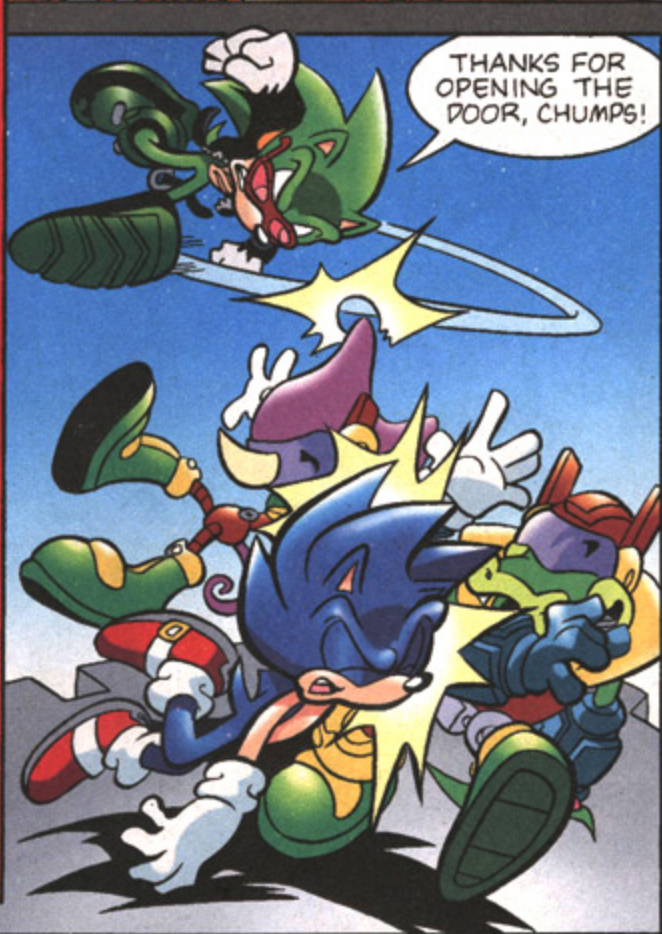


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SOUNDS RIGHT TO
ME. I'VE BEEN MEANING
TO TALK TO THE
BIG MAN MYSELF.



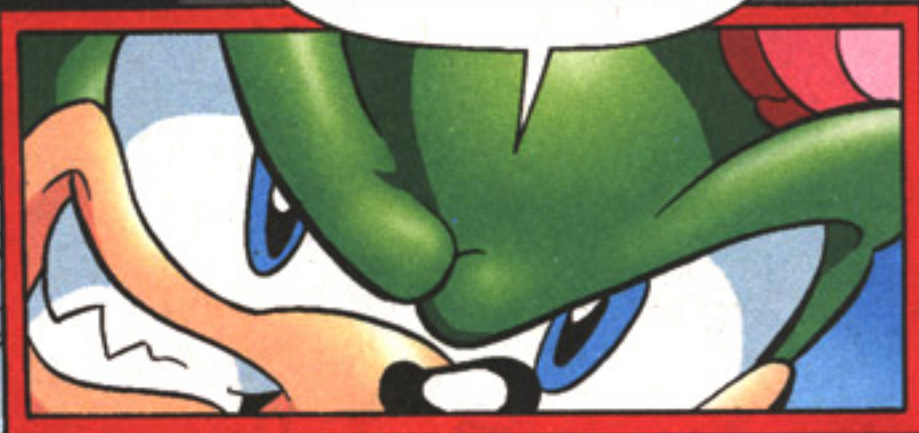
SHOULDN'T
YOU GUYS BE,
Y'KNOW,
SIDWAYS?

SPATIAL RULES
ARE A BIT MORE LAX
HERE. WE'RE ENTERING
THE NO ZONE NOW, SO
PREPARE FOR YOUR
OWN SPATIAL
ADJUSTING.



I'VE BEEN LOCKED IN THE CLINK HERE ONCE ALREADY. ONLY WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN IS TO TEAR THIS ZONE TO THE GROUND!

THEN IT'S A STRAIGHT SHOT TO MOBIUS. I OWE SONIC'S WORLD A CATAclysm!



COME AND GET SOME, JERKS!

AS IF WE HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH TROUBLE! ALL POINTS CONVERGE ON THE CENTRAL PRECINCT! SCOURGE IS THE PRIORITY TARGET!

NO, YOUR PRIORITY IS BRINGING ME SOME DOODAD TO GET ME UPRIGHT HERE. THEN YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE ME SOME ANSWERS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED HERE!

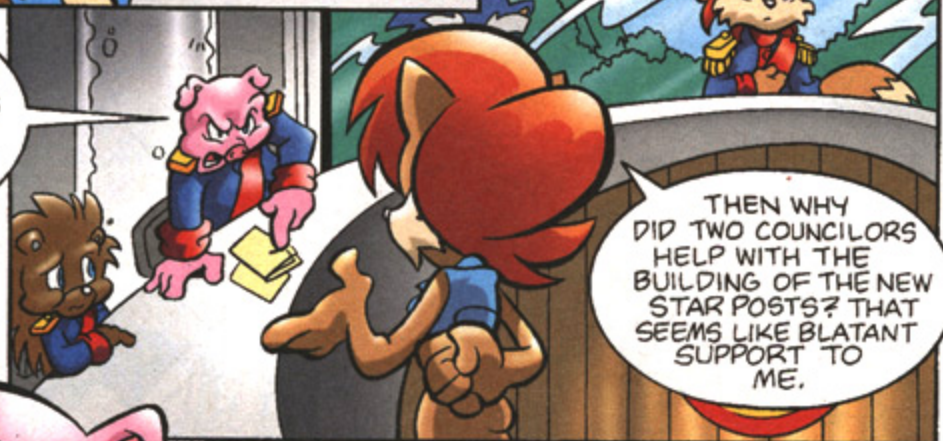


WE NEED YOU TO PROVIDE SOME ANSWERS, PRINCESS. OTHERWISE IT SEEMS COUNCILOR HAMLIN'S CHARGES ARE... ACCURATE.



IT WAS THE COUNCIL'S DECISION TO PUNISH SONIC. THE SPECIFICS WERE LEFT UP TO ME. SO ANY CHOICE I MADE WOULD HAVE TECHNICALLY BEEN APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL WOULDN'T APPROVE ACTIONS THAT UNDERMINE ITS OWN AUTHORITY.



THEN WHY DID TWO COUNCILORS HELP WITH THE BUILDING OF THE NEW STAR POSTS? THAT SEEMS LIKE BLATANT SUPPORT TO ME.

THE STAR POSTS ARE MEANT TO GO TO THE SPECIAL ZONE, WHICH IS AN ONGOING MISSION.

THAT, AND THOSE COUNCILORS CAN FALL UNDER YOUR COMMAND AS FIELD LEADER. YOU'RE JUST OUTLINING HOW FAR YOUR ROGUE ACTIONS WENT.

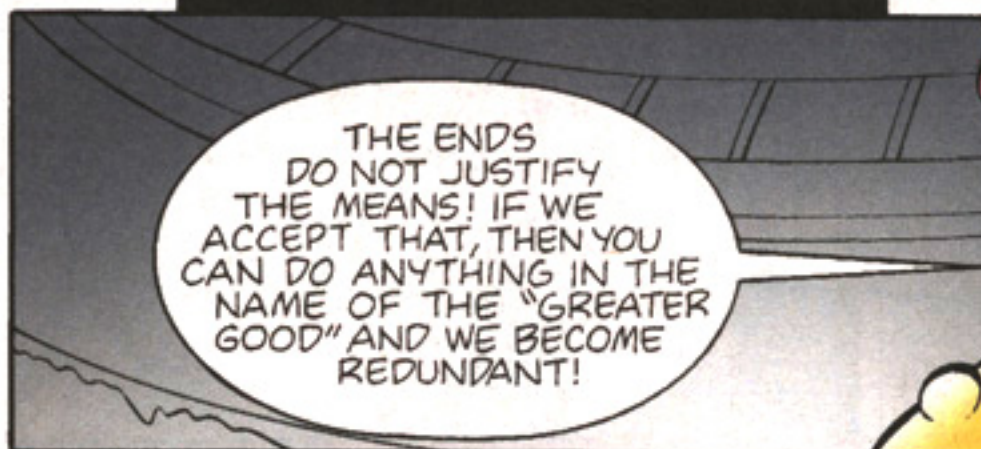
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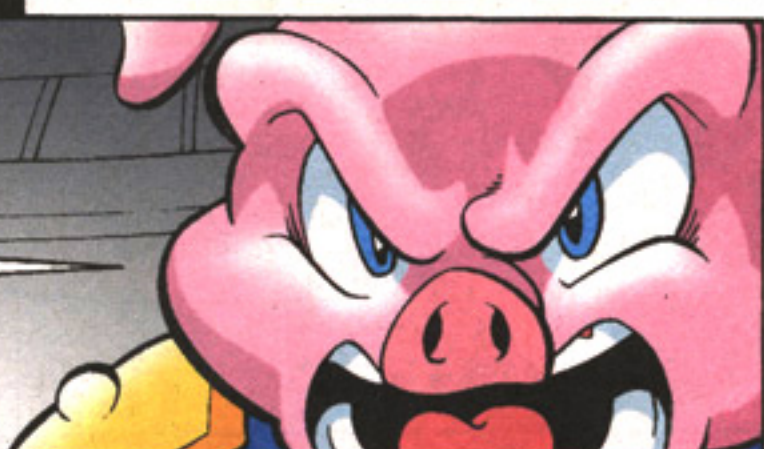
THERE WAS
NO LARGER INVASION
PLAN! AN OPPORTUNITY
PRESENTED ITSELF
AND WE ACTED!*

NOW FREEDOM HQ
IS OURS AGAIN AND THE
INVASION FROM MOEBIUS
HAS BEEN DRIVEN
BACK!

**REMEMBER MILES' PROPOSAL
IN STH#193?*



THE ENDS
DO NOT JUSTIFY
THE MEANS! IF WE
ACCEPT THAT, THEN YOU
CAN DO ANYTHING IN THE
NAME OF THE "GREATER
GOOD" AND WE BECOME
REDUNDANT!



FINE
THEN, I'M
GUILTY.

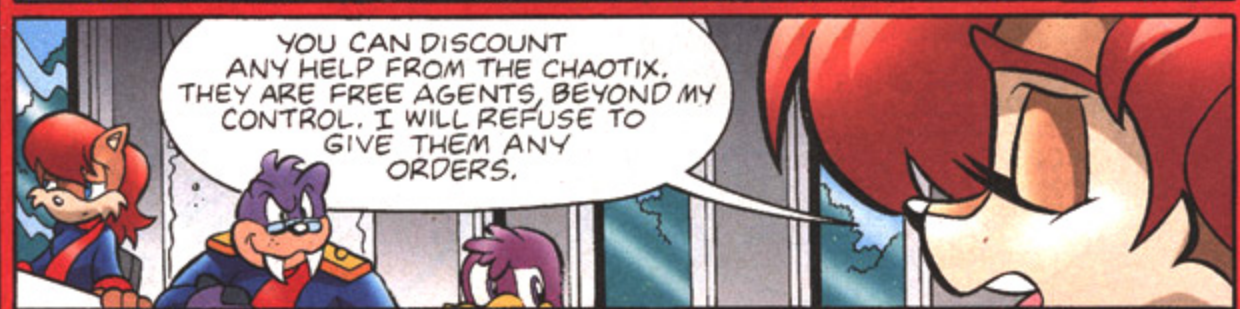


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IN THAT CASE,
I MOVE THAT
WE...

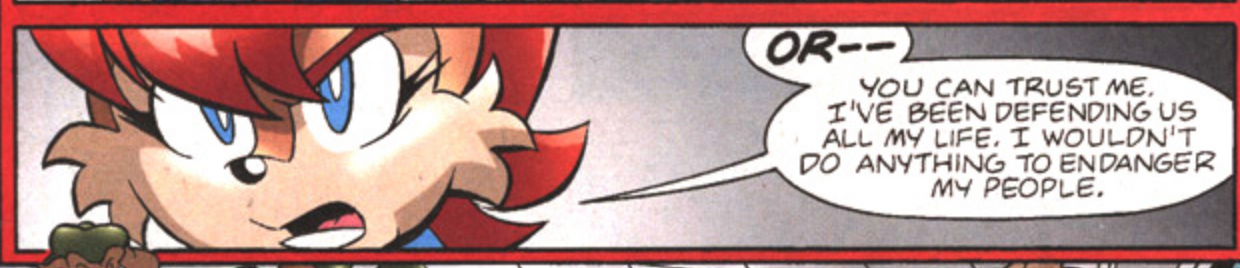
BUT
UNDERSTAND
THIS...



I WILL NOT GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN. I WILL NOT ACT, I WILL NOT GIVE **ANY** ORDER, UNTIL I'VE HAD DIRECT APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL. EVEN IF WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIGHT.



YOU CAN DISCOUNT ANY HELP FROM THE CHAOTIX. THEY ARE FREE AGENTS, BEYOND MY CONTROL. I WILL REFUSE TO GIVE THEM ANY ORDERS.



OR--

YOU CAN TRUST ME. I'VE BEEN DEFENDING US ALL MY LIFE. I WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO ENDANGER MY PEOPLE.



ALL FOR DROPPING THE INVESTIGATION AND ALL CHARGES LEVELED AT PRINCESS SALLY ACORN?

YEA.

YEA!

YEA.

YEA.

NAY.

YEA.



THE NO ZONE

THAT SPATIAL STABILIZER SHOULD KEEP YOU ORIENTED HERE.

SWEET, I'LL JUST KEEP IT TUCKED UNDER MY GLOVE FOR THE FUTURE.

NOW WHAT'S THIS BUSINESS ABOUT THE ZONES BEING UNDER LOCKDOWN?

THERE'S A MAD MAN CALLED DR. NEGA TRAVELING THE COSMIC HIGHWAY, CAUSING CHAOS AND WAGING WAR ON THE ZONE COPS.

I THINK I RAN INTO HIM ONCE, BRIEFLY.*

YOU'RE LUCKY YOU GOT OUT OF THE ENCOUNTER ALIVE.

WE'VE LOCKED DOWN THE MULTIVERSE TO KEEP HIM OUT OF YOUR WORLD.

ONLY A FEW ZONES HAVE REMAINED OPEN TO YOURS FOR STABILITY'S SAKE.

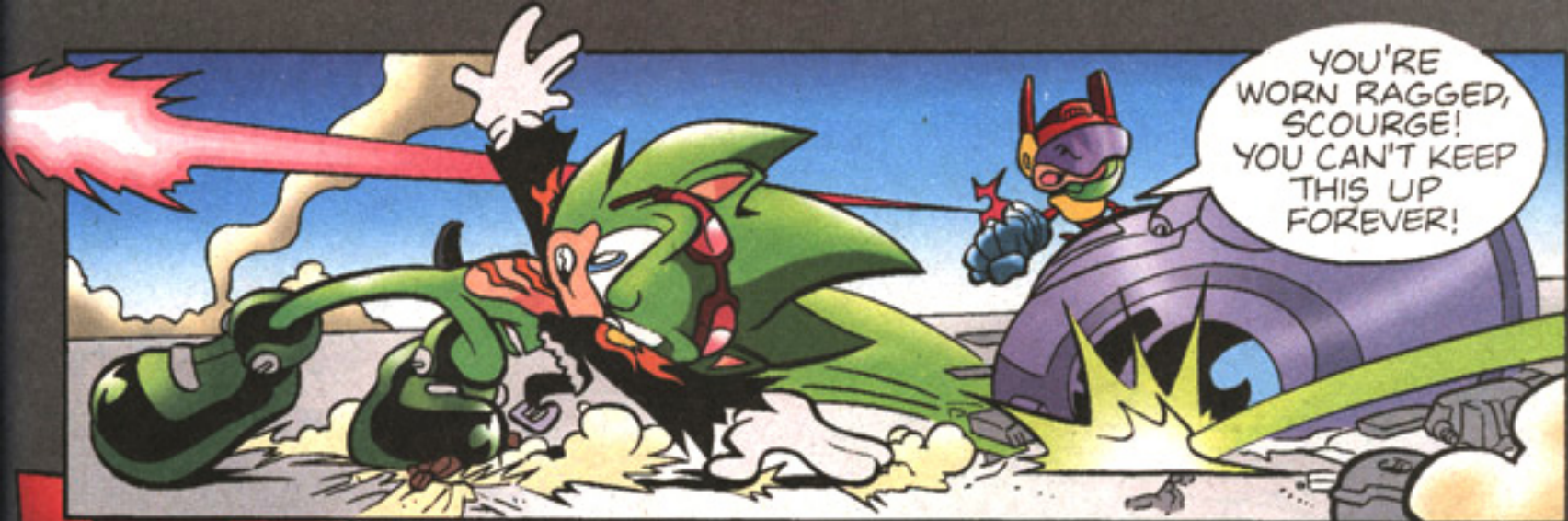
THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME. NOW LET'S KICK SCOURGE'S BUTT.

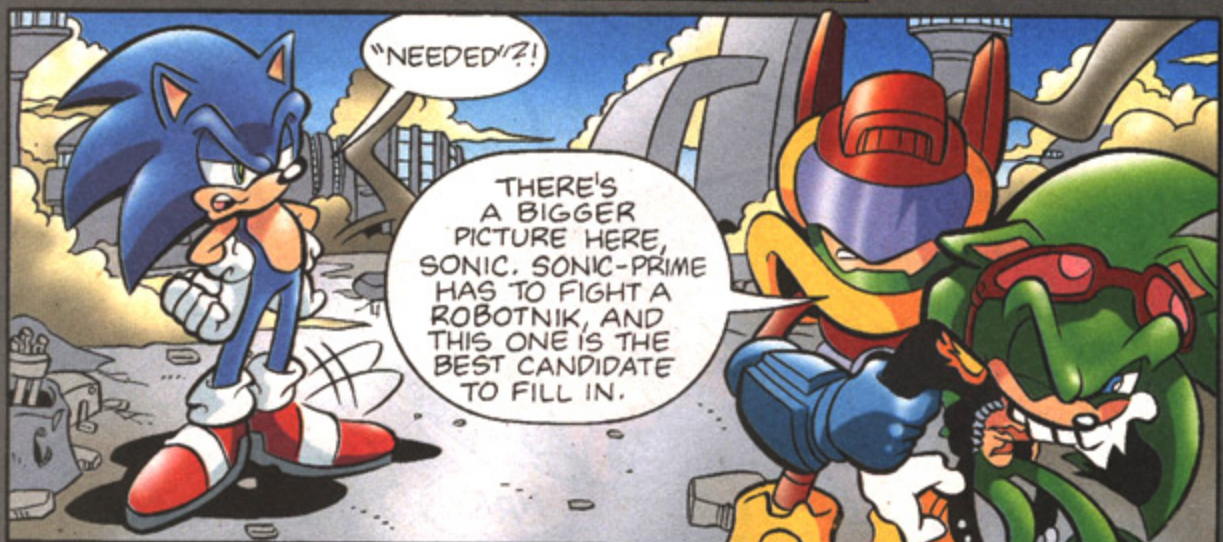
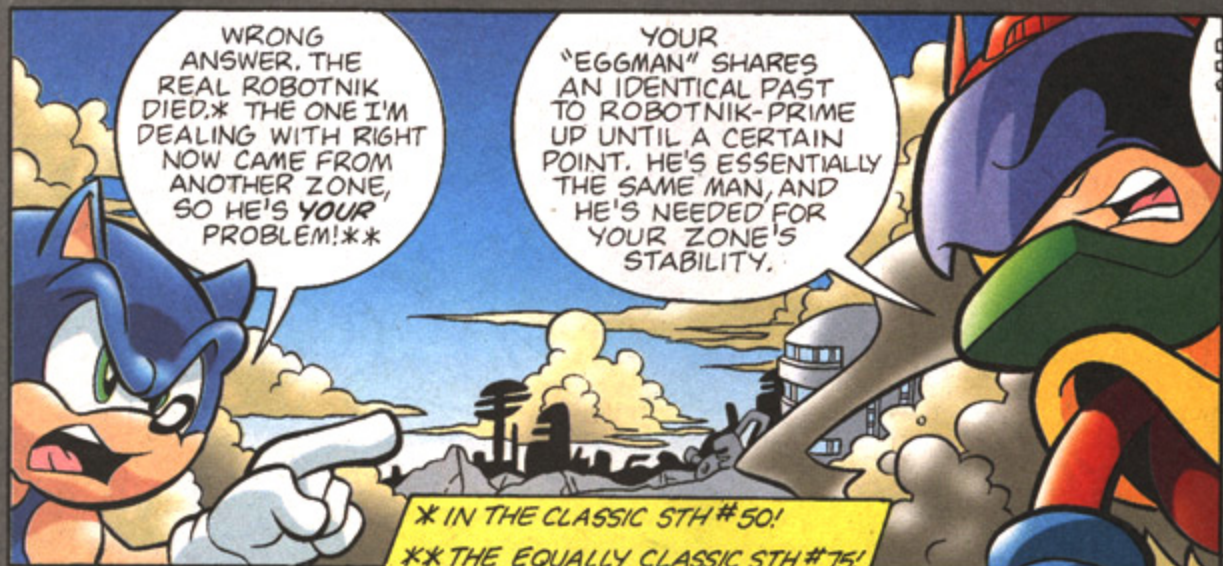
*GET MORE DETAILS IN SONIC UNIVERSE#1!

LET IT NEVER BE SAID I DIDN'T ENJOY YOUR DIRECTNESS.

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THEN WHY DID I HAVE TO BRING SCOURGE TO YOU?

WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT FROM ME?! WE'VE BEEN UNDER SIEGE!

BESIDES, SCOURGE'S MUTATION HAS MADE HIM SOMETHING OF A WILD CARD IN THE COSMIC SCHEME OF THINGS.

HEY...

YOU CAN TRY TO WRITE ME OFF, MUTATION, EVIL TWIN-- WHATEVER. BUT THE TRUTH IS I'M SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AT HIS FULL POTENTIAL.

I MAY BE BEAT *THIS* TIME, BLUE, BUT I'M NOT THROUGH YET!

ENOUGH. OFFICERS ZECTOR AND ZESPIO WILL SEE YOU HOME.

"I'M SORRY, SONIC, BUT YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN."

NEW MOBOTROPOLIS--
HEDGEHOG RESIDENCE

YO!
I'M
HOME!

THERE'S
MY BEAUTIFUL
BOY!

I DON'T
KNOW IF I'LL
EVER GET USED TO
YOU SAVING THE
WORLD EVERY
DAY.

NOT THAT
WE WANT YOU
TO STOP.

IT'S STILL
KIND OF WEIRD
COMING HOME
TO YOU GUYS.
NOT LIKE
I MIND.

THAT'S
WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN A TYRANNICAL
MADMAN CONQUERS
THE WORLD AND
RUINS EVERYONE'S
LIVES.

BUT WE'RE
TOGETHER NOW,
AND THAT'S ALL
THAT MATTERS.

SO SCOURGE
IS SAFELY LOCKED
AWAY?

YEP.

DO YOU
GET A MINUTE
TO REST
NOW?

JUST
ONE. THEN
I'M HOPING
TO FINISH ONE
MORE FIGHT...

COLIN!
GET DOWN
TO THE LAB!
NOW!

TCH.
I'M BEING
BELLOWED AT.
I HAVE TO
GO.

I'LL CALL
YOU TOMORROW?

I'D
HOPE SO!
GOOD NIGHT,
MY LITTLE
SNIVY-KINS.

GOOD
NIGHT, MY DEAR
REGINA!

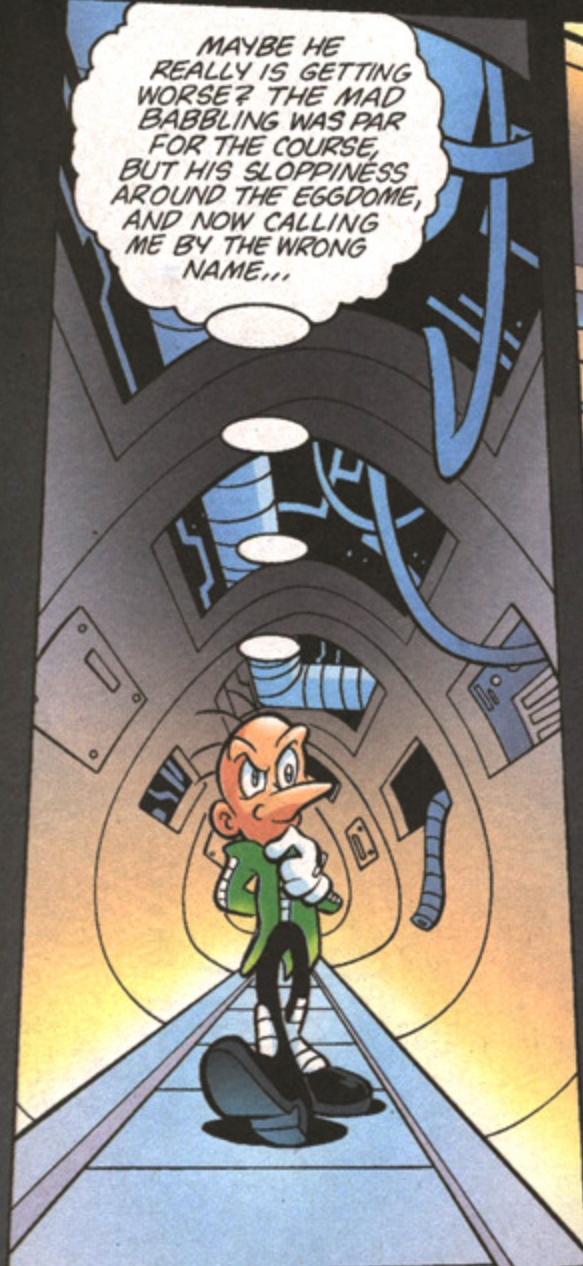
OF ALL
THE TIMES FOR
HIM TO CALL ME!
WHY CAN'T HE DO
WHATEVER IT IS
HIMSELF?

WAIT...
HE CALLED ME
"COLIN."

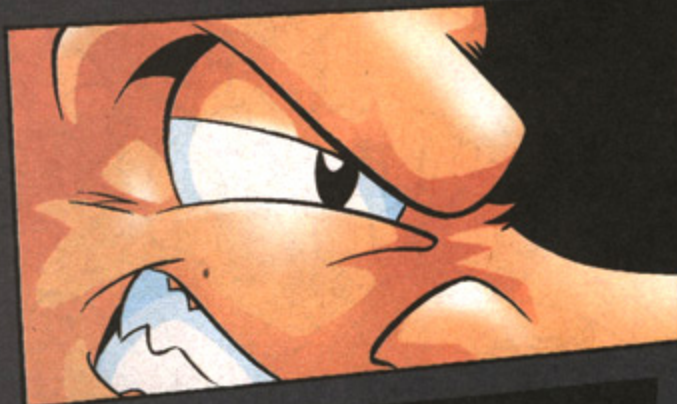
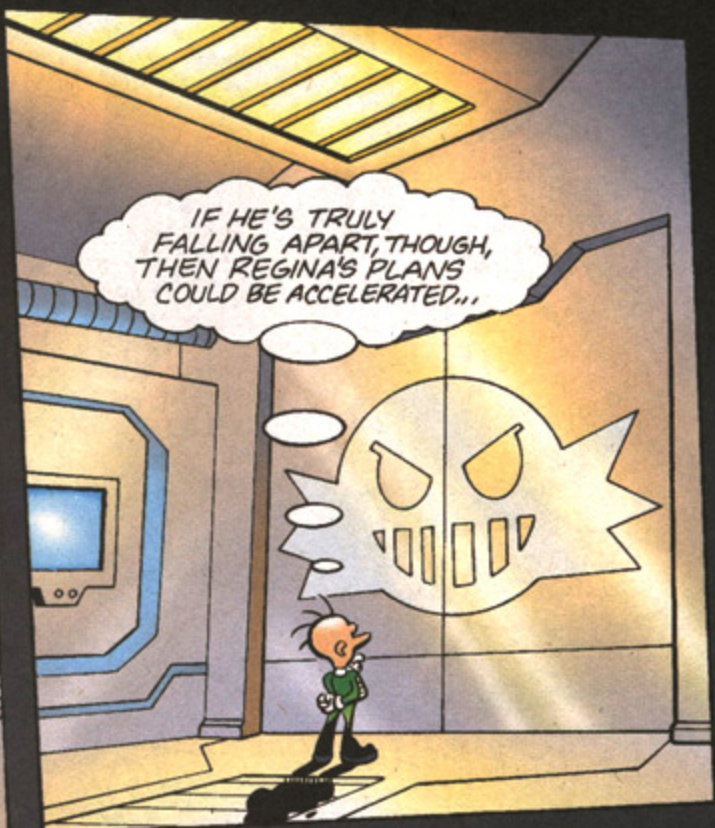
HE'S
NEVER CALLED
ME BY MY BIRTH
NAME...



MAYBE HE
REALLY IS GETTING
WORSE? THE MAD
BABBLING WAS PAR
FOR THE COURSE,
BUT HIS SLOPPINESS
AROUND THE EGGDOME,
AND NOW CALLING
ME BY THE WRONG
NAME...

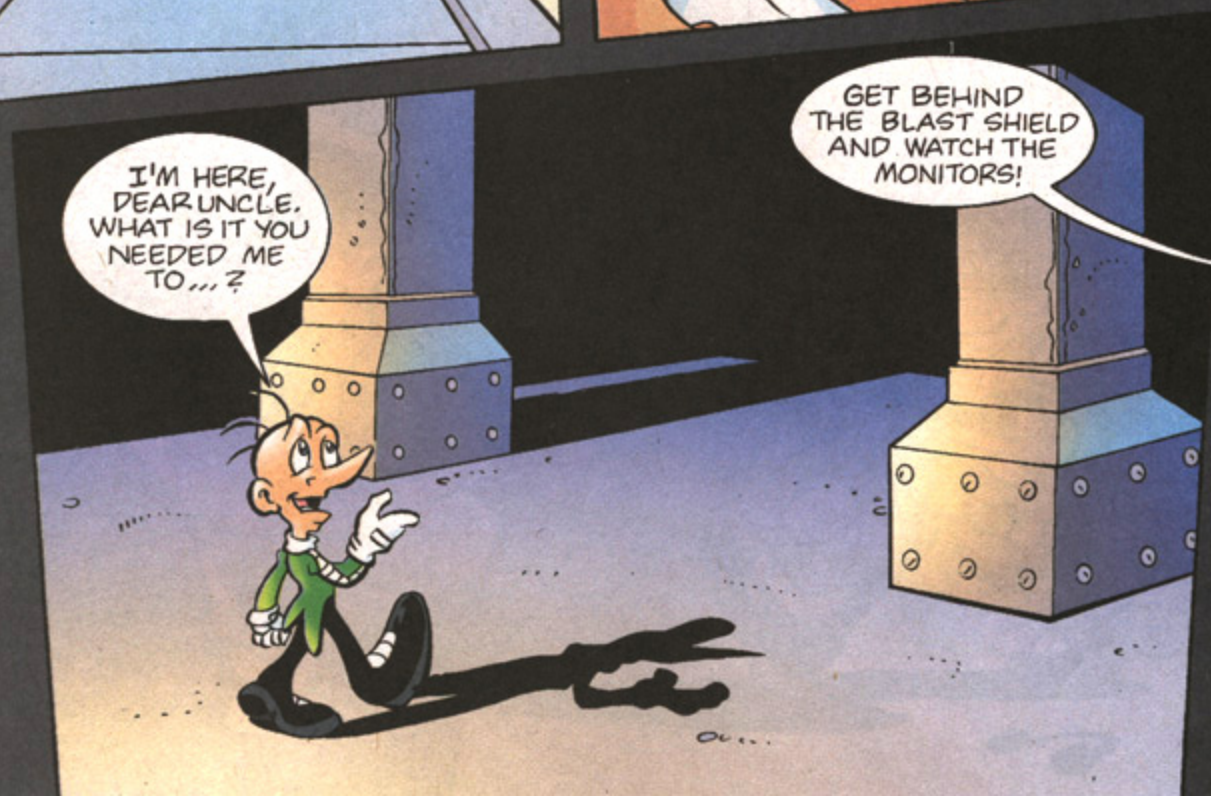


IF HE'S TRULY
FALLING APART, THOUGH,
THEN REGINA'S PLANS
COULD BE ACCELERATED...



I'M HERE,
DEAR UNCLE.
WHAT IS IT YOU
NEEDED ME
TO...?

GET BEHIND
THE BLAST SHIELD
AND WATCH THE
MONITORS!





OF COURSE,
SIR! WHAT ARE
WE TESTING
TODAY?



THE EGG
MINNOW,
PERHAPS?

OR MAYBE
AN EGG RABBIT
TO HOP AND
STOMP ON
SONIC?
Hmmm?



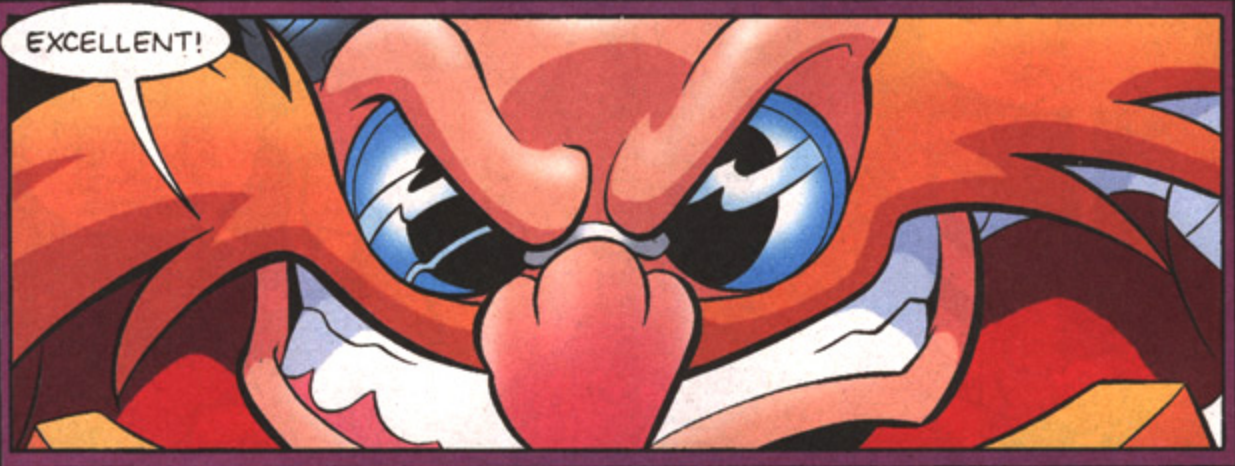
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AIIIEEE!!!

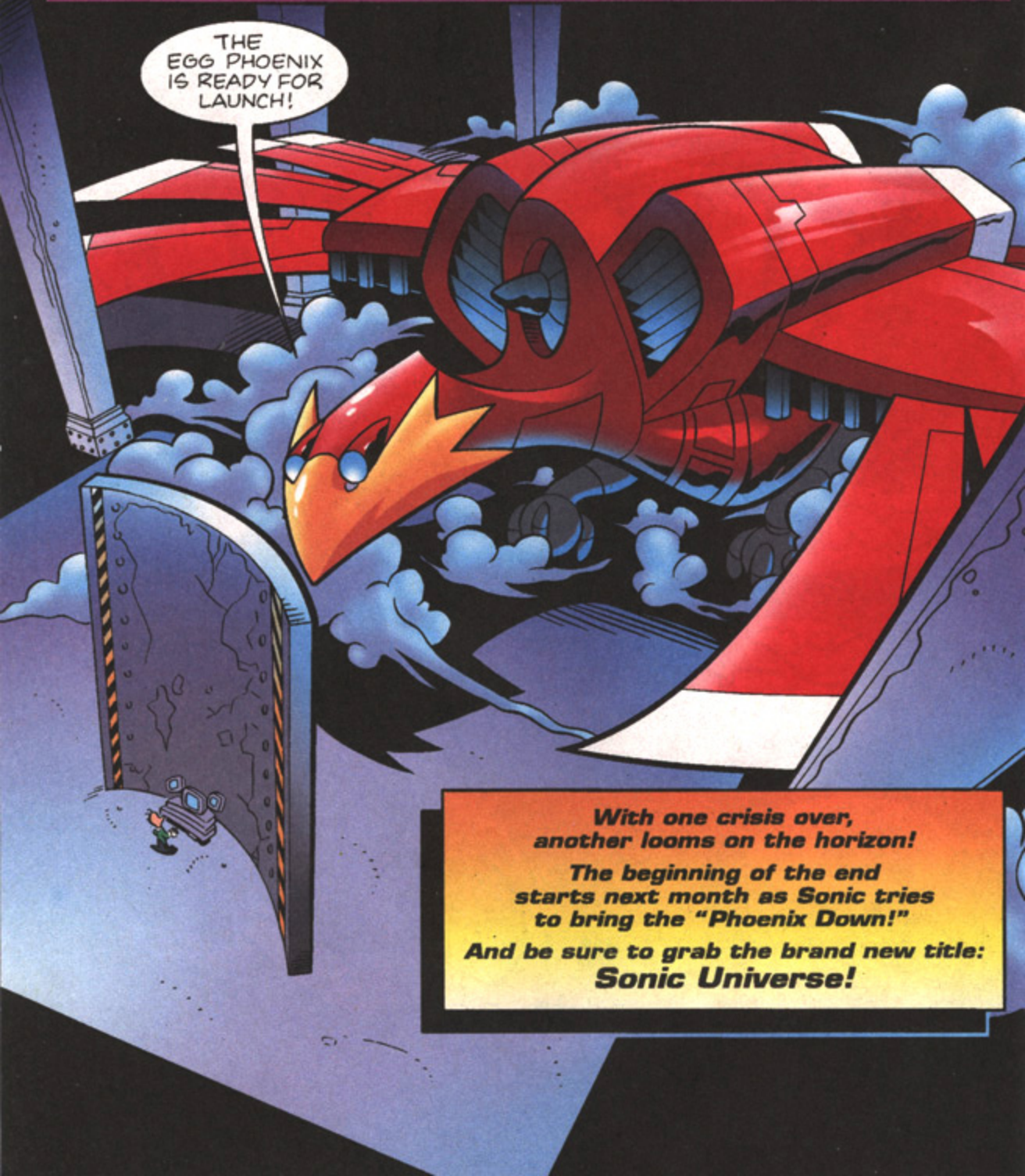


TEST
COMPLETE!
WHAT ARE THE
READOUTS?!

W-W-WELL
AB-B-BOVE YOUR
E-E-EXPECTATIONS,
G-G-SIR.



EXCELLENT!



THE
EGG PHOENIX
IS READY FOR
LAUNCH!

*With one crisis over,
another looms on the horizon!*

*The beginning of the end
starts next month as Sonic tries
to bring the "Phoenix Down!"*

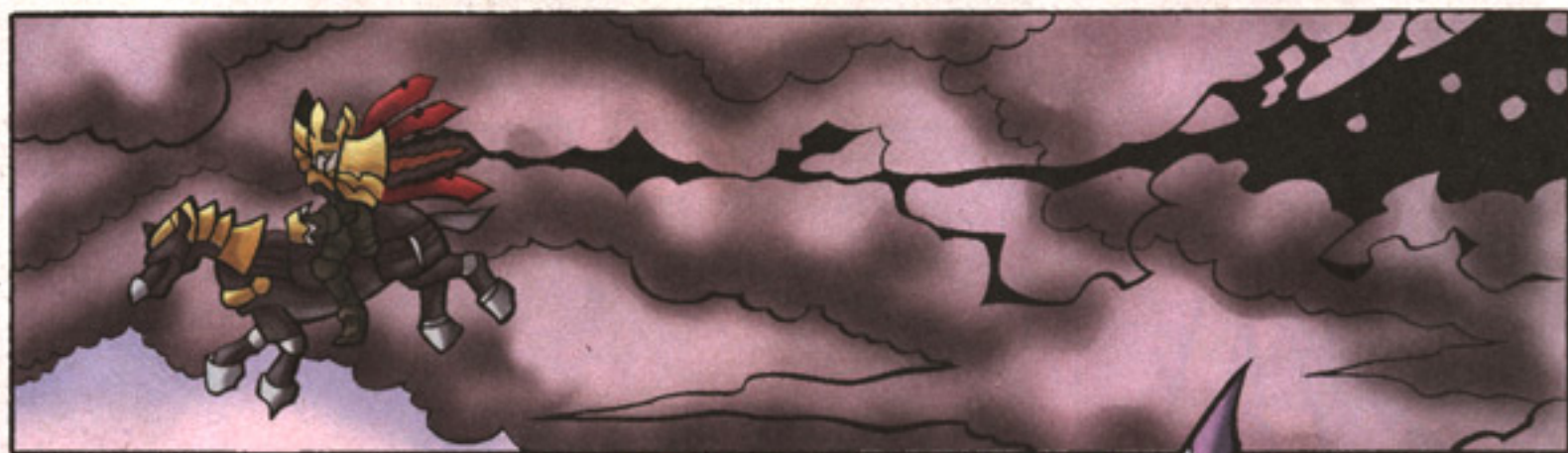
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SONIC
and the Black Knight

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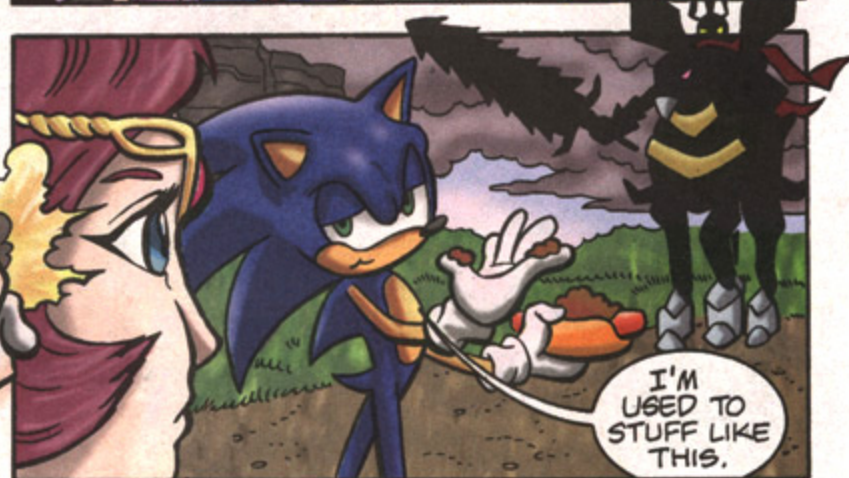
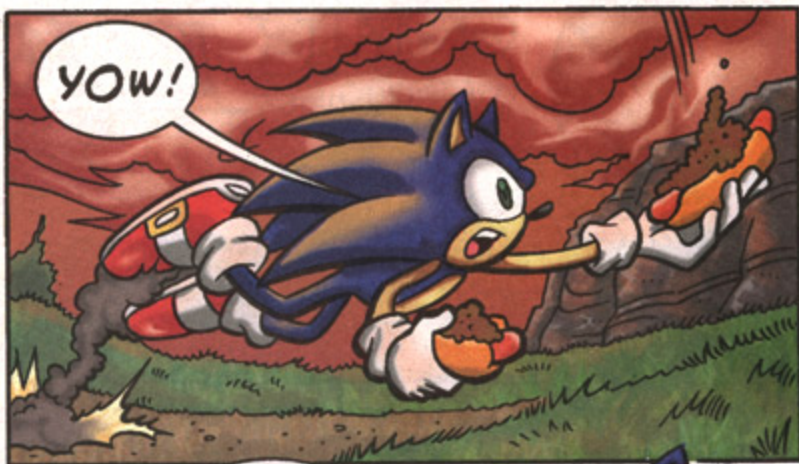
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another place...

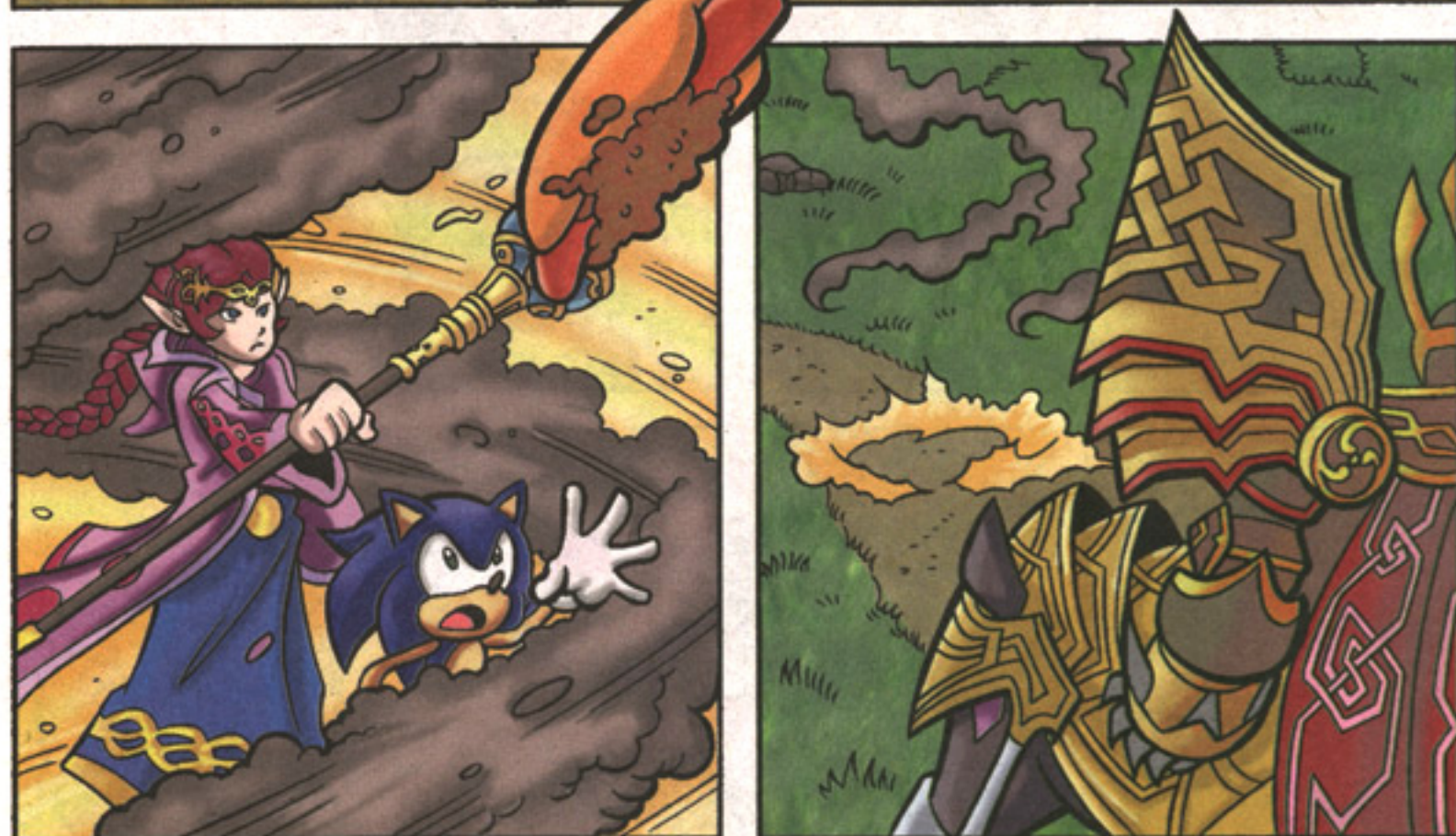
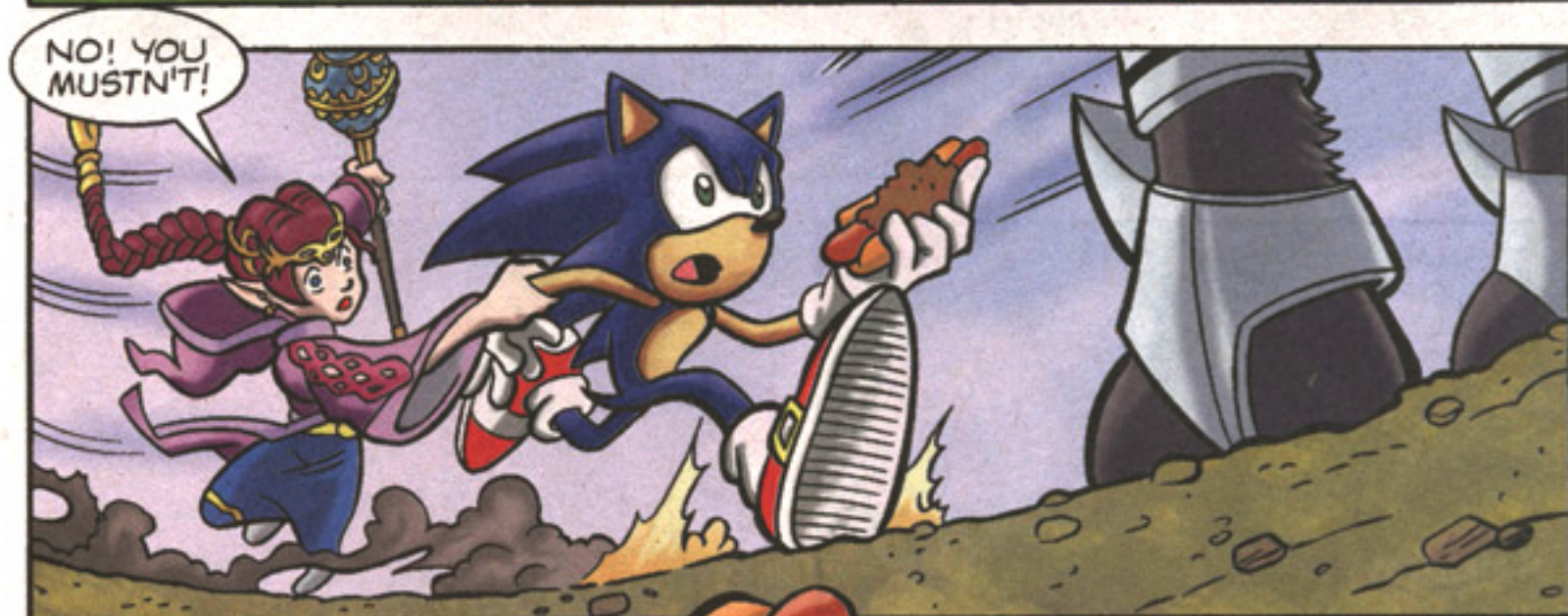
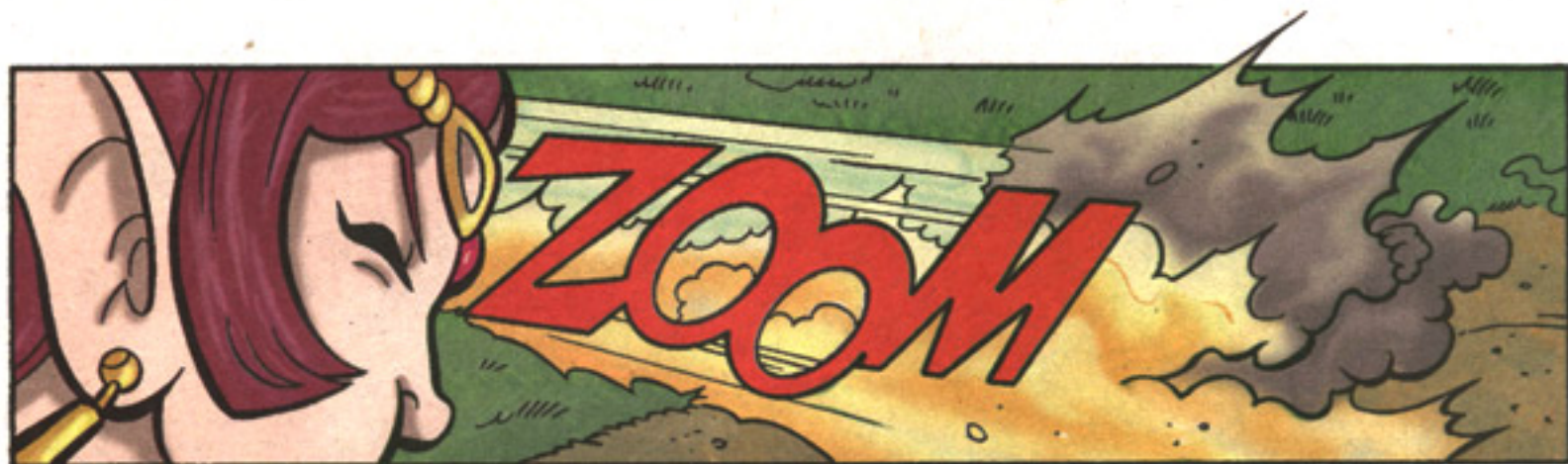


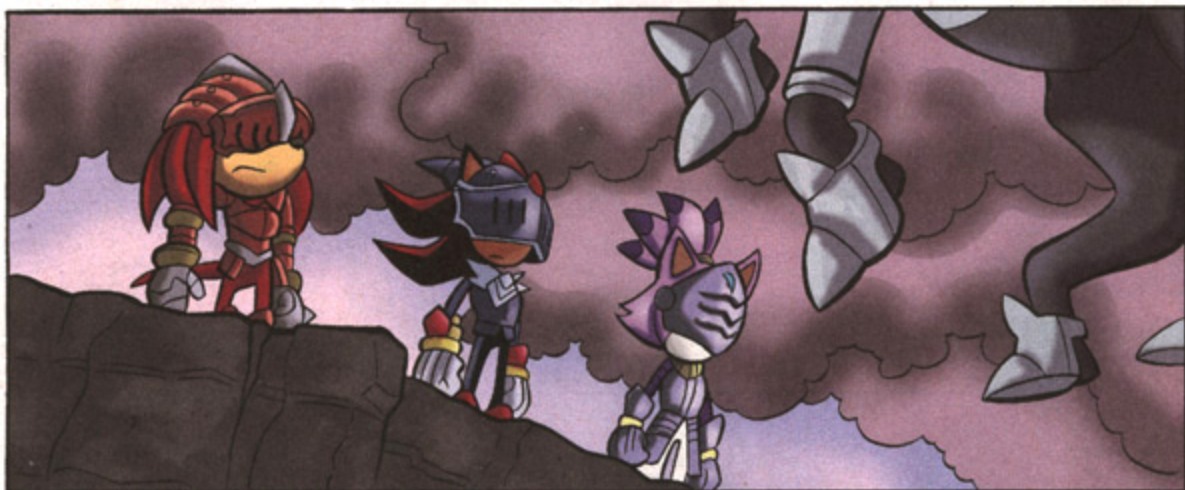
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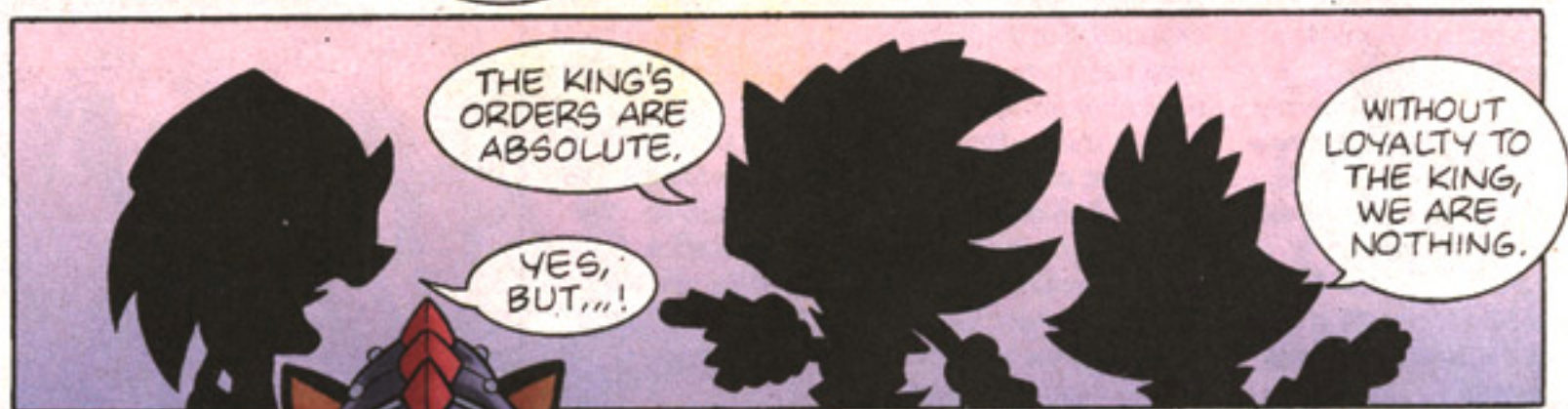
O BRAVE KNIGHT,
SWIFT AS THE WIND,
HEED MY CALL!

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Dear Sonic-Grams,
Hi, I love your comics! I don't see Shadow a lot anymore. I want to see more of him! He's cool!

Sincerely,
Andrew

You guys know about Sonic Universe, right? It'll have tons of Shadow action, and it's coming next month!

P.S.: My friend hates Sonic!

Ouch. Well, tell him to pick up next month's issue – Sonic might get turned into one crispy hedgehog!

Hey, Sonic guys,
It's my eighteenth birthday and I'm feeling nostalgic, so I figured I'd write you guys.

We're glad you did!

Can you believe that I've been a fan of Sonic (both games and comics) since I was only two years old? I still remember way back in issue 48, when I first saw Knuckles and the Chaotix - I couldn't pronounce "echidna" let alone know what it was, so I just said "hedgehog" and assumed he was Sonic's brother!

Now that would have been a twist.

Boy have times changed. But you know what hasn't changed, even after sixteen years? The quality of the Sonic comic stories. The art has fluctuated drastically between amazing and all but wretched, and for a while the amount of advertisements and lack of Sonic-Grams threatened to put me off of the comics forever, but always you guys have kept me hooked with the stories.

And we brought back Sonic-Grams. Woo!

Looking back at all this and seeing now just how well the art has achieved a fusion of "manga" and "western" comic book styles, and the smart "side story" way of handling many of the video games (which eliminates the need to overwhelm your own stories with Sega's, and probably helps with the advertising aspect, too!) makes me glad I've stuck with you guys for all these years.

Speaking of our tie-ins, how about that Black Knight back-up story this issue?

So here's to sixteen more years (and then some!) of great comics!

Much love,
Camille M.
Minnesota

Thanks for the honest critiques and praise, Camille. We hope you stick around for another sixteen years – and more!

Hey blue, I want to talk to you!

Can we stand in for him? We know him pretty well.

My dream is to be your #1 fan & to have my fan art and my letter to be on the back of the comics.

You're half-way there!

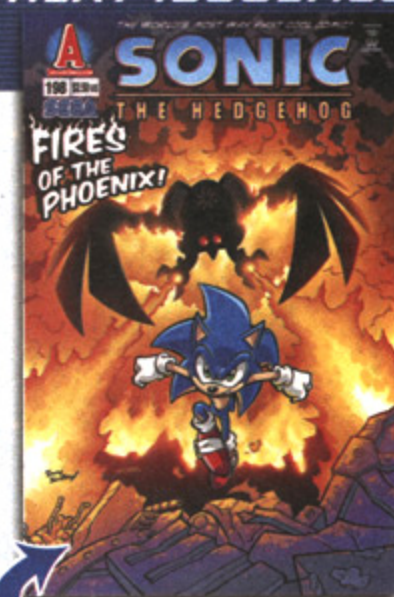
What's with Sonic invading Anti-Mobius and is anyone going with Sonic or are all the Freedom Fighters going with him?

Joey E.

By now you've gotten your answers! Did you like seeing the folks from Mobius, the Anti-Mobius?

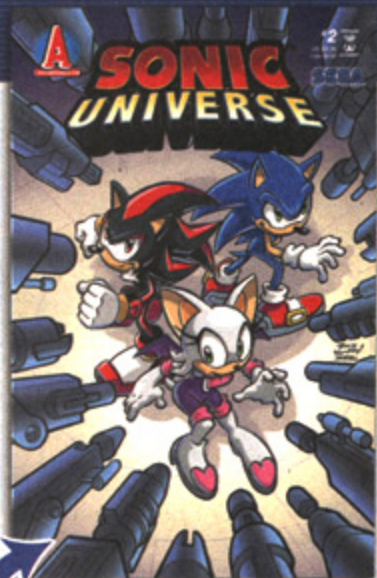
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